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## Education

**Ph.D. in Biostatistics (with concentration in Stat. Comp.)** University of Southern California (2020). Dissertation “Essays on Bioinformatics and Social Network Analysis: Statistical and Computational Methods for Complex Systems”

**M.Sc. in Social Sciences (Economics)** California Institute of Technology (2016)

**Master in Economics and Public Policy**, Adolfo Ibáñez University (2011)

**BS. in Social Sciences and BS. in Business Administration**, Adolfo Ibáñez University (2010)

## Professional Experience

**University of Southern California, 2015–present** Department of Preventive Medicine *Research Programmer*. A senior staff member at USC’s Department of Preventive Medicine, I work closely with both staff and students on various scientific projects. My responsibilities included: implement statistical methods using R/C++, analyze complex data using USC’s High-Performance Computing cluster, conducting training sessions on statistical computing, and writing scientific papers.


**Chilean Pension Supervisor, August 2011– August 2014** Research Division *Analyst*. Statistical and econometric analysis on the Chilean unemployment insurance, statistical software development, serving as a bridge between the IT and Research divisions.



**Nodos Chile Social Network Analysis Ltda., January 2012–January 2014** *Partner*. Founding partner of one of the first applied SNA Consultancy Entrepreneurship in Chile.

**Adolfo Ibáñez University, January 2011–June 2012.** School of Government *Adjunct Professor*. Taught Introductory courses of Economics, Microeconomics and Statistical computing with Stata.

**Chilean Ministry of Social Planning, March 2011–December 2011.** Social Programs Monitoring *Analyst*. Survey and Analysis of the Government social programs supply and supporting the Monitoring Division with the Open-Data Initiative.

## Software (selected)

- [1] **George G. Vega Yon.** *rgexf: Build, Import and Export GEXF Graph Files* (2020). R package version 0.16.0. URL: <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=rgexf>. 
- [2] **George G. Vega Yon, Thomas Valente.** *netdiffuseR: Analysis of Diffusion and Contagion Processes on Networks* (2020). R package version 1.22.0. URL: <https://github.com/USCCANA/netdiffuseR>. 
- [3] **George G. Vega Yon, Kayla de la Haye.** *ergmito: Exponential Random Graph Models for Small Networks* (2020). R package version 0.3-0. URL: <https://cran.r-project.org/package=ergmito>. 

- [4] **George G. Vega Yon.** *slurmR: A Lightweight Wrapper for 'Slurm'* (2020). R package version 0.4-1. URL: <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=slurmR>. 
- [5] **George G. Vega Yon.** *fmcmc: A friendly MCMC framework* (2020). R package version 0.3-0. URL: <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=fmcmc>. 
- [6] **George G. Vega Yon.** *barry: your to-go motif accountant* (2020). C++ library version 0.0-1. URL: <https://github.com/USCbiostats/barry>.
- [7] **George G. Vega Yon.** *twitterreport: Out-of-the-box analysis and reporting tools for twitter* (2016). R package version 0.16. URL: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.44528>.

## Academic Publications (selected)

- [1] **George G. Vega Yon**, Duncan C. Thomas, John Morrison, et al. “On the automatic annotation of gene functions using observational data and phylogenetic trees”. In: *bioRxiv* (May 2020). URL: <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/early/2020/05/14/2020.05.14.095687>.
- [2] **George G. Vega Yon**, Andrew Slaughter, and Kayla de la Haye. “Exponential random graph models for little networks”. In: *Social Networks* (2020). Forthcoming.
- [3] **George G. Vega Yon** and Paul Marjoram. “fmcmc: A friendly MCMC framework”. In: *Journal of Open Source Software* 4.39 (July 2019), p. 1427. URL: <http://joss.theoj.org/papers/10.21105/joss.01427>.
- [4] **George G. Vega Yon** and Paul Marjoram. “slurmR: A lightweight wrapper for HPC with Slurm”. In: *Journal of Open Source Software* 4.39 (July 2019), p. 1493. URL: <https://joss.theoj.org/papers/10.21105/joss.01493>.
- [5] **George G. Vega Yon** and Brian Quistorff. “parallel: A command for parallel computing”. In: *The Stata Journal: Promoting communications on statistics and Stata* 19.3 (Sept. 2019), pp. 667–684. URL: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1536867X19874242>.

## Honors and Professional Achievements

**Technologies** R, C++,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , SQL, XML, regex, Stata+Mata, VBA, Gephi, Pajek, Mathematica, MS Suit, git, unix.

**Book reviewer:** “Microeconometrics and Matlab: An Introduction”, by Adams, Clarke and Quinn, Oxford University Press, 2015. “Mastering Gephi Network Visualization”, by Ken Cherven, Packt Publishing, 2015. “Network Graph Analysis and Visualization with Gephi”, by Ken Cherven, Packt Publishing, 2013.

**Awards** Travel Grant, Society of Young Network Scientist, 2019; Fellowship, California Institute of Technology, 2014; Scholarship, Adolfo Ibáñez University, 2006.

**Manuscript reviewer** The Official Journal of The Society for Computational Economics, The R Journal, Social Networks, Journal of Mathematical Sociology, Journal of Open Source Software, SUNBELT Conference (2016), International Conference on Computational Social Science (2019).

**Misc** Founder of the [R Users Group in Chile \(2013\)](#), co-organizer of the [East LA R User Group \(LAERUG\)](#).

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